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**PETITION FOR TWO MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

A two month extension of time, to and including February 16, 2003, is requested for response to the Office Action mailed September 16, 2002. Since February 16, 2003 fell on a Sunday, February 17, 2003 was a Federal Holiday, and the Patent Office was closed February 18, 2003 due to inclement weather, this response is considered timely filed.

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